



B. Enclosed

- X A Preliminary Amendment for entry in the present application.
- X To render this RCE timely filed, enclosed is a Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time.
- X A Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" certifying a filing date for the enclosed application by use of Express Mail Label No. EV302233743US.

C. Payments

- X Form PTO-2038 submitting payment in the amount of \$1,208.00 is enclosed to cover the following fees:
 - X the \$733 RCE filing fee pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17(e); and
 - X the \$475.00 petition fee for the three-month extension of time.
- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.
 - X Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16.
 - X Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17.
- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.
 - X Any filing fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
 - X Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17.

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X A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 9th day of January 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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